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THE HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY OF GENOCIDE

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If we could learn to look instead of gawking,  
We'd see the horror in the heart of farce,  
If only we could act instead of talking,  
We wouldn't always end up on our arse.  
This was the thing that nearly had us mastered;  
Don't yet rejoice in his defeat, you men!  
Although the world stood up and stopped the bastard,  
The bitch that bore him is in heat again.

Epilogue to "The resistible rise of Arturo Ui."  
by Bertolt Brecht

While the subject matter of this course does lends itself to absorbed gawking, its object is to learn to look as well as to learn from looking.

ASSIGNMENT ONE: Go to the reference room in the library and consult encyclopedias and dictionaries in order to find six definitions of 'genocide' and three definitions of 'holocaust'. Copy them out, provide proper references for them, and add a paragraph of your own, commenting on the differences among the definitions that you have found. You may elect to use only English sources or only French sources, or you may do some of each.

READING ASSIGNMENT:

- (1) Raphael Lemkin, Axis Rule in Occupied Europe (1944), chapter IX, "Genocide" page 79-95.
- (2) Vahakn N. Dadrian, "A Typology of Genocide," International Review of Modern Sociology, 5(1975): 201-212.

The course outline, further assignments, and reading lists will be distributed in future issues of this Newsletter.